

Questions For Developing the Most *Appropriate* IEP

Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance

- Does it include a statement of how your child's disability affects involvement and progress in the general curriculum?
- Are all academic and functional skills identified?
- Are social, emotional and behavioral needs identified?

Annual Goals/Objectives

- Are the goals measurable, reasonable and attainable?
- Are all academic & behavioral needs addressed?
- Are objectives required for my child?

IEP Services

- What types of specialized instruction or services, including behavioral, does my child need?
- Where will services be provided and who will provide them (individually, in a group, in the classroom, direct service or by consultation)?
- When will services begin and end?
- Does the IEP include a Positive Behavioral Intervention Plan if my child's behavior interferes with learning?

Accommodations/Modifications

- Does my child need preferential seating or extended time for tests, etc.?
- Does my child need modifications for class work, homework, or behavior?
- Will my child participate in state assessments and will accommodations be needed?

Monitoring Progress

- How will my child's progress on each goal be measured?
- How and when will I be informed of progress?
- How will I know if the progress is enough so that he/she will achieve their goals by the end of the year?

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How to Have *productive* IEP Meetings

PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Parent participation in the IEP process is vital to a child's success in school.

To help make your child's IEP appropriate, you should review all the information you have about your child including evaluations, progress reports, report cards, medical information etc. This will help you identify your child's strengths and needs.

Next, review your child's draft IEP. On the reverse side are some questions to guide you. You can also discuss these questions with the other members of the IEP team if you need more information or have concerns.

Once the IEP is agreed upon and signed, the IEP team will determine placement in the Least Restrictive Environment. Visit www.firstwnc.org to find out more information on the steps in the special education process or call our office to talk to a parent advocate.

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